



Mrs. Bushmann's First Grade Flight Notes

1st grade

Lee Expressive Arts School

Sept. 1, 2017

Important Dates

Monday, Sept. 4
No School/Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 12
PTA meeting
6:00

Thursday, Sept. 14
Curriculum Night
6-7 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 13
Screenprinting t-shirts

Wednesday, Sept. 20
Tie dye t-shirts

Monday, Sept. 25th
No School
Teacher Collaboration
Day

Friday, Oct. 20
Picture Retake Day

It's been another busy week in our classroom. I am still getting to know the children. Next week I will have a guest teacher on Wed. morning and that will allow me to pull out the children one by one and assess their reading skills. They've already been working to show me what they know in writing and math. I look forward to doing this and then getting our small group reading instruction started the next week.

As a group, I'd say our strength is that we're very kind and treat each other very well. You've done a great job as parents. I'd say our weakness and where we spend a lot of time practicing is listening and following directions. I don't remember having a group (as a whole group) that struggled quite like this group does. At this point it is preventing us from having time to get into our germ unit and getting to do some of the fun things that we do in first grade. We spend a lot of time practicing (literally) our listening skills. **One way you can help at home is by having the expectation that your child listen to you and that you don't give repeated instructions. I get the feeling from many of the children that they think I'm a little crazy to expect them to remember what I said...**

Please sign and return the MU permission slip. This is just allowing for the pre-service teachers who work in our room to work with your child.

Read-A-Thon

Please see your child's folder for information about our Lee School Read-A-Thon. Please plan on participating, no matter how small. This runs during the month of September and is an important PTA fundraiser (and keeps us from having to sell gift wrap and candy!!). Thanks for helping!

Reading: We are working at looking at books on our own and using pictures and words to enjoy them. We've been learning our different centers.

Writing: We are working on getting down at least 3 ideas while we stretch our words and **reread** our writing.

Math: We are working on number sense and skip counting. Practice counting by 10s as well as being sure your child can count to 100.

Science: We will hopefully begin our germ unit next week.

Social Studies: We are studying families and our place in them.

Word Study: We will begin with a review of short vowels, being sure every word has a vowel (syllable too!) and that it's the correct vowel.

School Arrival and Dismissal

Remember that the children are allowed into the building at **7:35**. There is no supervision before this time. **The tardy bell rings at 7:55**. That is the official start time to our day. If your child is a parent drop-off in the morning and you would like to have them eat breakfast you should plan to drop them as close to 7:35 as possible. This way they have time to eat their breakfast and be ready to learn at the start of our day. All children are expected to be here by then or they will be marked absent or tardy. We will dismiss buses first this year at 2:50 and then parent pick-up will start at 3:05.

SNACKS

We could use any donations of **snacks** that you would like to send. Snack suggestions are: graham crackers, cheese crackers, goldfish, Chex Mix, pretzels, grapes, apples, pudding, etc. I appreciate you helping out with this. If each family would send a snack for our class once a month, we would have enough. We have 19 students.

You might want to label and send a light jacket to school that could hang on your child's hook. It is quite lovely with the new air-conditioning, but several of the children found it to be colder than they are comfortable.

Children are welcome to bring a water bottle to school.

Questions? Concerns?

Please call me at school at 214-3530. I am always here by 7:15 and I stay until 3:15 (usually later, but always til then). You may call me at home at 445-3942. Email is also a great way to contact me. I read it several times a day. I have an open door policy and parents are welcome to visit anytime.

Lottie Bushmann lbushmann@cpsk12.org